

B
Sfhw

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q61191

Toshiro HAYAKAWA, et al.

Allowed: March 22, 2004

Appln. No.: 09/801,695

Group Art Unit: 2828

Confirmation No.: 3297

Examiner: Armando Rodriguez

Filed: March 9, 2001

For: "FUNDAMENTAL-TRANSVERSE-MODE INDEX-GUIDED SEMICONDUCTOR LASER DEVICE HAVING UPPER OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE LAYER THINNER THAN LOWER OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE LAYER"

RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S STATEMENT FOR REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE


Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant appreciates the Notice of Allowance and Notice of Allowability which issued in the above-identified application on March 22, 2004. However, in reviewing the Examiner's Statement for reasons for allowance, Applicant believes the Examiner's comment regarding claim 8 appears to be somewhat restrictive.

Respectfully submitted,

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC
Telephone: (202) 293-7060
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860


Susan Perng Pan
Registration No. 41,239

WASHINGTON OFFICE

23373

CUSTOMER NUMBER

Date: May 27, 2004